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REF: SECSTATE 60238

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- 11. (SBU) On May 6, Econoff delivered demarche (reftel) to Ms. Abida Islam, Director, America and Pacific Wing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 12. (S) On May 9, Ms. Islam reported to Econoff that Bangladesh Bank (the central bank), through its Deputy Secretary Ruhi Rahman, (8802) 955-4940, issued a letter 29

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April directing HSBC and Sonali Bank to comply with UNSCR 1747. Econoff confirmed this directly with Ms. Rahman, and requested additional details on accounts frozen, suspicious transactions immediately before 1747 was enacted, and other specific actions taken by the banks. Post will follow up with that information if/when it is received.